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## **KC MAN INDICTED IN SEVEN BANK ROBBERIES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for a series of bank robberies in the Kansas City, Mo., area.

**A.C. Cowans**, 39, of Kansas City, was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City today.

According to Graves, the federal indictment alleges that **Cowans** robbed the following banks by force, violence and intimidation:

- \* First Federal Bank, 8442 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on February 5, 2002 (Loss of \$2,395)
- \* United Missouri Bank, 7901 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on March 14, 2002 (Loss of \$18,274)
- \* First Federal Bank, 8442 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on June 3, 2002 (Loss of \$8,680)
- \* U.S. Bank, 507 Business Loop 70 West, Columbia, Mo., on June 27, 2002 (Loss of \$8,900)
- \* Bank Midwest, 7904 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo., on July 13, 2002 (Loss of \$4,965)
- \* Union Bank, 7600 E. 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Mo., on July 29, 2002 (Loss of \$2,331)
- \* Commerce Bank, 6100 Troost, Kansas City, Mo., on August 6, 2002 (Loss of \$10,347.50)

**Cowans** was originally charged in a federal criminal complaint filed on June 12, 2002.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Matt Whitworth. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Columbia, Mo., Police Department.

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